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Sanchez Noncommittal on Harbor Mining

by Mike O'Brien

Nestor D. Sanchez, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Inter-American Affairs, repeatedly gave a "no comment" response when queried about the C.I.A.'s mining of Nicaraguan harbors, in a talk delivered in the Student Center Social Room last Wednesday.

Sanchez was questioned about the mining on four separate occasions, each time refusing to comment on the issue.

Before a luncheon crowd of about 200, including university president Leland Miles, Sanchez gave a talk entitled, "The Crisis in Central America." In it, he outlined current U.S. policy in Central America. He placed emphasis on the situation in El Salvador, where Sandanista-backed rebel forces are battling the current right-wing government.

He broke down the fundamentals of U.S. policy into four categories: promotion of democratic institutions; economic development assistance; support for dialogue and negotiations; and security assistance.

In the section of his talk on the promotion of democratic institutions, Sanchez said that "without these (institutions), there is little chance of protecting human rights." This was a reference to attacks on civilians by guerrilla forces in El Salvador.

When it was pointed out to him in the question-and-answer session which immediately followed his talk that 80% of the deaths from political violence in El Salvador were attributable to these death squads, a figure supplied by Amnesty International, Sanchez replied that there is a "current downward trend" in the overall death toll. He had no comment on the 80%

figure, saying that he had no information available.

On the topic of U.S. economic aid, Sanchez said that, "at present, our economic aid to Central America outweighs our military assistance by about five to one." He then provided the breakdown of the assistance: El Salvador—\$341 million; Costa Rica—\$208 million; Honduras—\$139 million; and Guatemala—\$96 million.

In support of U.S. military assistance in El Salvador, Sanchez said that, "democracy cannot flourish, development cannot take place, and negotiations cannot prosper if the armed attacks by guerrillas infiltrated from Nicaragua, trained in Cuba and financed and equipped by the Soviet Union are permitted to continue." However, according to an article which appeared in the April 11th New York Times, Salvadoran rebel leaders say that they are receiving only a small amount of aid from Nicaragua, mostly communication equipment and medical supplies. They say that most of their arms are stolen from the Salvadoran army or obtained on the black market. Purported Soviet and Cuban military aid to the Salvadoran rebels arriving via Nicaragua was the rationale used by the C.I.A. in the mining of Nicaraguan harbors.

When asked about being placed in a "hard-line" group which favors more U.S. military intervention in Nicaragua by an unidentified Reagan Administration official, a group which includes C.I.A. Director William Casey, Sanchez said he "didn't agree" with the assessment.

Questioned about where the U.S. stands on the recent elections in El Salvador, Sanchez said, "We support the democratic process—not any one particular candidate."



Another Accident on Campus: See editorial page 2

[Photo by Uri Solomons]

Rape Crisis Program Started

by Susan Deehan

Although there has been no reported rape on campus for seven years, of all rapes, only one in ten is reported. "A rape occurs every six minutes" according to Nancy Leiby, supervisor with the University of Bridgeport's Department of Public Safety. She is concerned because the average age of rape victims is the age of the students on campus. She has begun a rape prevention workshop in which she goes to different dorms and tries to bring awareness of rape to the students.

College students are "very trusting" and they are coming "from the protection of Mom and Dad and need to be cautious when using freedom," she said. Some people also have the attitude that it could never happen to them and the film she shows at the dorms zeros in on that topic.

"Rape is a complex problem," Ms. Leiby said, but it is more damaging to the victim if it isn't reported. In her workshop, she tries to inform students about what constitutes a rape, how to prevent rape and also the psychology of rapists.

"There are basically three types of offenders," said Ms. Leiby, who is also a counselor at the Rape Crisis Service at the YWCA that services the greater Bridgeport area. The three types are anger rapists, who use more force than is necessary, power rapists, who see rape as control and will only use as much force as is necessary to gain that control and sadistic rapists, who are bizarre, ritualistic and are likely to murder. Luckily, the sadistic rapists constitute only five percent of all rapists.

Ms. Leiby said that rapists don't rape for sex and rape is only a "violent attack where sex is merely the weapon." She said that the most common type of rapist on campus would probably be the power rapist. This is because students are under a lot of stress and may try to relieve this stress via rape. On campus, propped dorms doors are especially dangerous, Ms. Leiby pointed out. With the door wide open, there is easy access for anyone to enter the building.

Aside from informing students about rape, Ms. Leiby is trying to establish a good rapport with students. She doesn't want to just be of help "after the fact." Ms. Leiby said that many victims are afraid to talk about rape. "They fear the age-old myth that they brought it on themselves," she said. Rape victims who don't get counseling may get angry at people around them and be extremely fearful. She tries to create a relaxed atmosphere at the workshops—she does not lecture, but talks with and receives feedback from students.

Ms. Leiby is tentatively planning to be speaking in Rennell Hall and Schine Hall on April 23. If anyone has any questions or needs guidance in this area, feel free to call Nancy at Public Safety (576-4911) or to call the YWCA's Rape Hotline at 333-2233. Everything will be kept confidential.



Sanchez speaking on Latin America [Photo by Uri Solomons]

Council Debates Holidays

by Eric Goldman

A debate raged over whether or not classes should be cancelled on the Jewish High Holidays at last Wednesday's meeting of the Student Council.

Representatives from UB's Hillel Jewish Student Organization came to the meeting to state their case, arguing that if there are no classes held on Good Friday, there should also be no classes held on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It turns out the Calendar

Committee has submitted a calendar for the 1984-85 school year that provided a day off for Rosh Hashanah but it was rejected by President Miles because it had the fall semester beginning before Labor Day. Apparently enrollment increases if classes start after Labor Day so, the calendar was revised to have the semester begin at a later date. The Rosh Hashanah Holiday was dropped from the calendar so as not to interfere with the minimum 14-week semester. Yom Kippur was not affected by

the new arrangement as it falls on a Saturday next year.

Although it was pointed out that an agreement has been reached with UB professors not to schedule exams on these days, the Hillel representatives were not satisfied. They argued that since these days are the most important holidays of the Jewish faith, anything less than the cancellation of classes would be inappropriate. Hillel requested only one day off for each holiday despite the fact they are really two days long.

The argument that this would interfere with the 14 week semester minimum was thrown out since it would only be one day of classes, not one week, considering there were a couple of questionable snow days this year.

By the end of the meeting the Council had agreed to submit a proposal to the University Senate requesting that one day off each be given for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It remains to be seen if these amendments will appear in next year's school calendar.



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A Chance to Say Hello

by John Kovach

This is my first issue of The Scribe, and I hope you find it worth your reading. For the next year, I will be managing editor of the paper. I hope, along with my loyal staff and the newcomers that will join us next semester, that we can inform you on news of the world, the nation, the area and, especially, the university. At the same time, we will try to entertain you with news from the arts and sports worlds.

I am new to the post, so bear with me. My staff and I will try our best to give you a comprehensive view of the world in a format that we hope you will find readable, enjoyable and informative. There will be, unfortunately, some failures along the way to this product. We ask that you do not let these failures cloud your view of The Scribe for good. If not for these failures, which will occur unavoidably, we would not learn from the ex-

perience to improve both ourselves and the final product, the paper.

We need your help, both morally and physically. The Scribe has been faced with a shortage of people. We need more people who want to work to help with the paper. Do not worry about a lack of experience. You are here to learn, and the Scribe doubles as a newspaper and a learning experience. Morally, do not get down if we should err. Support us through the difficult times that we will face.

Starting with this issue, the Scribe will return to a weekly format, to try to regain the immediacy necessary in the news. We hope that you enjoy the weekly paper.

Remember, the Scribe is your newspaper as much as it is ours. Please feel unafraid to have any input.

Thank You.

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Editorials

Several Accidents Too Many

by John Kovach

The University has been hit with yet another accident, the third major one this semester. Something must be done to protect the lives of the people who live, work or just visit the University.

A major problem is the lack of any posted speed limit on campus. Anyone who has not read the Key to UB would not know that a 15 mile per hour speed limit exists on campus. This creates a high risk for those who are on the UB campus.

Something must be done to protect those who live, work and visit the campus. This means posting speed limits and enforcing stricter traffic regulations.

The authorities should step in to watch the roads on UB closer. I have seen many near misses on campus, particularly with drivers doing drag race starts at the light on Park and University.

But the authorities cannot do it all. Part of the responsibility is the driver's. If you are a driver, please do not take unnecessary risks on public roads, especially in a crowded environment like that which exists here at UB. You risk not only your own life, but some innocent bystander's.

Sure, we're impressed with your Mazdas, Corvettes, and Jaguars, but an A.J. Foyt driving exhibition cannot occur on roads as heavily used by other cars and pedestrians as we have. I've

seen a motorcycle race on campus. I have seen some fender-benders. I have also seen a death, which is a sight I am sure most of us would not like to have to see too many times.

There cannot be another tragedy on campus. We have enough to think about, without someone's recklessness creating an air of gloom. The scary thing is, however, that the life that could possibly be taken is an innocent person's.

Please drive carefully on the roads here and everywhere else. You risk damage to your car, injury to you or someone else, or someone's death. That death could be your own.

An Afternoon In Japan

"An Afternoon in Japan" is the theme of the Japanese Huru Matsuri (Spring Festival) to be held on Sunday, April 29th from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Social Room of the Student Center, corner University and Myrtle Avenues. Chairman, Mrs. Florence Dautel of Trumbull, says the event is sponsored by the Japanese Graduate Scholarship Committee, one of 16 ethnic committees comprising the Halsey International Scholarship Program with the help of the Consulate of Japan in Boston with Deputy Consul General Mr. Musakane Mukai probably attending.

The afternoon will feature art

and music with booth displays featuring bonsai by Paul Falcigno, an instructor at Quinnipiac College in Hamden and a member of the Bonsai Association of Connecticut; bunka embroidery by Ms. Edith Buda, of Fairfield; Calligraphy by Noriko Parker, Bridgeport; Ikebana, the art of Japanese floral arrangement; Origami, the art of paper folding; Japanese artifacts by Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Allen, Milford; Dolls by Constance O'Connell, Outreach & East Asian Studies, Yale Univ., New Haven; handpainted articles, jewelry and fancy candies by Mrs. Roberta Sammis of Stratford and sale items.

General admission will be \$3, seniors and students over 12, \$1.50. Please call Florence Dautel at the HISP office for reservations or further information (576-4977).

Health Center

The Health Center will close on May 4th at 4:30 p.m.

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Opinion

To the Editor:

I am gratified to see the number of organizations that have begun in this year to sponsor social events that benefit the University student community as a whole, as well as the group in particular. Shared efforts between fraternities, residence hall association, BOD and special-interest clubs as well as single-sponsor events, greatly enhance the quality of the University's social life.

However, I have recently become aware of the fact that not all organizations or their advisors are necessarily aware of the university, state and local policies that must be followed to insure

that an event is safe and well run as well as enjoyable.

To assist organizations who seek to sponsor events that are open to all or large numbers of University students I am instituting the following procedures:

1. All social activities sponsored by student organizations or Student Life departments must be reviewed and approved by the Coordinator of Student Activities, Mr. Robert Kiesel to ensure conformance to University, local, and state regulations.

2. The Coordinator of Student Activities will review the plans of the organization for the event to ensure that compliance exists in the areas of:

- alcohol sale and/or distribution
- safety
- fiscal controls/bookkeeping
- contracts
- advertising
- building-use policies
- set-up and clean-up
- staff presence

The Coordinator of Student Activities will advise event planners as to the best way to reach compliance in a. thru h.

3. Any planned event not approved by the Coordinator of Student Activities cannot take place.

4. Any event not brought to the Coordinator's attention at least 72 hours prior to schedule

day will be subject to cancellation and/or shut down.

These changes will benefit all event planners and advisors and will ensure that University and Student Life policies and procedures are enforced fairly and consistently.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jacqueline D. Benamatti

From Resident Hall Students:

This petition is in regard to the recent decision to have only one storage room per dorm. Since this would be incapable of even holding the furniture of 200-400 students, we would like to pro-

pose an alternative solution to the problem that would benefit the University and the students.

In each dorm a committee of people (RA's, Dorm Government, or students) see to it that each storage room be cleaned out thoroughly and unclaimed objects disposed of. When storage is ready to be filled or after it has been filled, a staff member or members, inspect for any pending problems. This would also insure organization and accessibility. By doing this, we feel that it would save the University money in summer overtime and the students money instead of renting vans.

We are confident that you, the Resident Hall Staff, will take this idea into serious consideration before a definite decision is made and notices are distributed.

Thank you.

Campus Corner

Clean-Up

Campus Improvement Day will be held between 8 am till 1 pm on Friday, April 27. Student Council needs your support to make this day a success in improving our environment. The entire group will work as a whole concentrating on University Avenue. If your group is interested in helping, please contact Rich Bova at x4818 or x4189 (evenings).

Summer Living

The summer resident hall is Warner Hall, 60 Lafayette Street, Bridgeport, CT 06601. All check ins take place at the Warner Hall front desk, which is staffed twenty hours a day by Summer Assistant Managers. They are students hired by the University who are specifically trained for the summer period. They live in the residence hall and are there to answer questions, check in and out residents and provide security in the hall. The Summer Assistant Managers will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Each room in Warner Hall is furnished with twin beds, desks, desk chairs, closets, four drawers, overhead light and book-

case. There is a phone in each room that is connected for on-campus use. In addition, there is a pay phone on each floor. If needed you may make arrangements directly with the Southern New England Telephone Company at (1-800) 882-0010 for outside service for room phone.

There is a kitchenette area on each floor equipped with two burners, sink, and cabinets for cooking. You may bring a refrigerator with you as long as it does not exceed 4.2 cubic feet. Air conditioners are not permitted, although fans are. Also, there are public areas with color television, study lounges, laundry facilities, and recreation areas. Adequate on the street parking is available.

The following are the summer rates. There is a \$10.00 deposit required at check in. The deposit will be refunded upon proper check out. You are urged to bring your own linen. If that is not possible, linen is available for an additional \$5.00 charge per set to the following rates:

| | Weekly | Daily |
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| Double/Double | \$55 | \$15 |
| Single/Single | \$65 | \$18 |
| Double/Single | \$95 | \$20 |
| Triple/Double | \$60 | \$17 |
| Triple/Triples | \$50 | \$12 |

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jane Roseman, Assistant Director of Residences at 576-4825 until May 9, 1984. After May 9, call Warner Hall directly at 576-4886.

Growing Older

"Older Women in Today's Society" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Jane Porcino Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the John J. Cox Alumni Hall Student Center at the University of Bridgeport.

Sponsored by the UB Center for the Study of Aging admission is free and open to the public.

Porcino is the author of "Growing Older, Getting Better: A Handbook for Women in the Second Half of Life," and Hot Flash, a newsletter for older women.

Bio Lecture

"Microscopy in Biological Systems" will be discussed by Dr. Robert D. Allen, professor of biological sciences at Dartmouth College, Saturday, April 28 at 5 p.m. in room 100 of the Univer-

sity of Bridgeport College of Nursing. Sponsored by the UB biology department, admission is free and open to the public.

Allen's work, the microscopy of the future, involves studies of cell movement and ultrasensitive measurements of thermal and optional phenomena in cells.

Allen is a fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society and a member of the American Society of Cellular Biology.

Paradise Down-Under

Dr. John Nicholas, Professor of Geology at the University of Bridgeport, will present an illustrated lecture entitled—"New Zealand: Paradise Down-Under Style". Professor Nicholas recently returned from a 24-day nature expedition to New Zealand. The talk will be held in Room 100 of the College of Nursing on the UB campus on Thursday, April 26 at 8:00 PM. The College of Nursing is located at the intersection of Linden Avenue and Hazel Street. The program is open to all and is free. The talk was originally set for March 29. For further information contact Dr. Nicholas at: 576-4256.

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Thursday, April 19

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7:30 p.m. Student Repertory Theatre, Mather Theater

8 p.m. Health and Science Symposium, "Nutrition and Food Science," Drs. Judith J. and Richard J. Wurthman, Dana Hall room 102.

Friday, April 20

No classes

7:30 p.m. Student Repertory Theatre, Mather Theatre

Saturday, April 21

Noon Baseball, UB vs. Mercy College

7:30 p.m. Student Repertory Theatre, Mather Theater

Monday, April 23

2:30 p.m. Baseball, UB vs. Southern Conn.

6 p.m. Alpha Sigma Lambda Society Dinner, Tower Room

Tuesday, April 24

Noon Women's Forum, slide talk on New Zealand with Peni Nicholas, Private Dining Room

2 p.m. Softball, UB vs. Southern Conn.

Wednesday, April 25

Noon Wednesday Noon series, "America's Latin America," Private Dining Room

4 p.m. University Senate, JW 103

8 p.m. Music Theatre Workshop, Recital Hall

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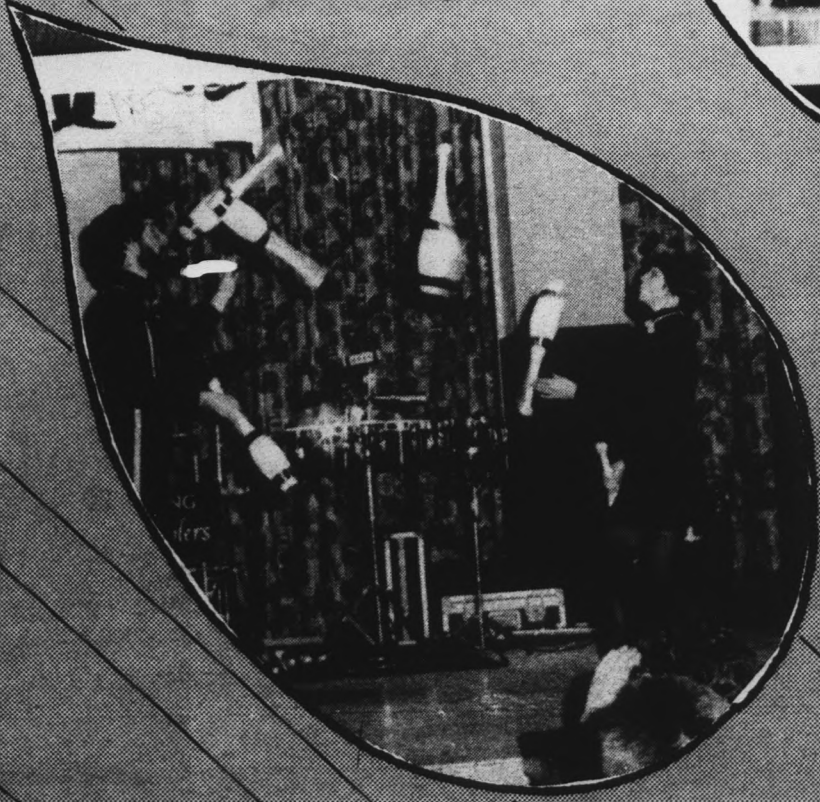
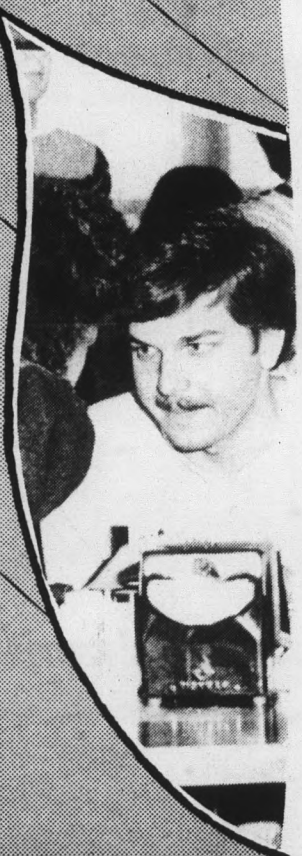
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The Rain Dampeneth
Not The Spirit

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Spring Week '84 Not A Complete Washout

Bert Bacharach sang 'Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head,' Credence Clearwater Revival asked 'Who'll Stop the Rain?' and Supertramp lamented that

ed merely as an avoided occurrence and not an occurrence to avoid the student of an enjoyable time.

the show an impromptu seminar was held where individuals of all different coordination levels tried their hand at 'breaking.'

Immediately after this a fifties mixer was held in the Social Room with appropriate fads and costumes, which included 'How

Thursday saw a Rocky Horror Picture Show tribute with three screenings of the cult film in the social room and a costume contest in the Pub.

The next day an extended TGIF put many in jubilant spirits for the Cabaret Night in the Social Room. Featured acts included the comedy of Tom Hanks, some gravity defying juggling by the Amazing Fantisy Jugglers, a comedy-magician and a folk singer.

Saturday's arrival was heralded by monsoonesque rainstorms and picnic goers shedded no concern over ants. The banquet was relocated inside the main dining hall and the band, Tattoo, performed its show on risers where the salad bar is usually situated. The free beer and the rock music soon had most of the crowd forgetting about the foul weather, at least for a little while. That night "The Mad-Hatter's Ball" was held in the gym. Chapeau sporting was a prerequisite for admission at this mixer which featured the music of 'Rat Race Choir,' yet most of the hats being worn proved more original than the band.

Spring Week's final day saw a speed-limit obedient road-rally, and a UBS vs. TKE giant fraternity chess match. That night the lines ran all the way round to Lafayette Street, waiting to watch Modern English and Cyndi Lauper perform a sold out

concert in the Gym. Modern English opened the show and drew heavily from their new album Richochette days.

The band's lead singer urged the crowd to stand up and dance, and had little difficulty convincing them during renditions of 'Someone's Calling,' 'Hands Across the Sea' and 'I Melt with You.'

After the intermission, Cyndi Lauper came on and performed exuberant versions of 'When You Were Mine' and 'Kiss You.' While managing all the while to maintain a healthy rapport with the audience, she exhibited surprising versatility in songs like 'She's so unusual' and her hit ballad 'Time After Time.' Her finale and recently acquired

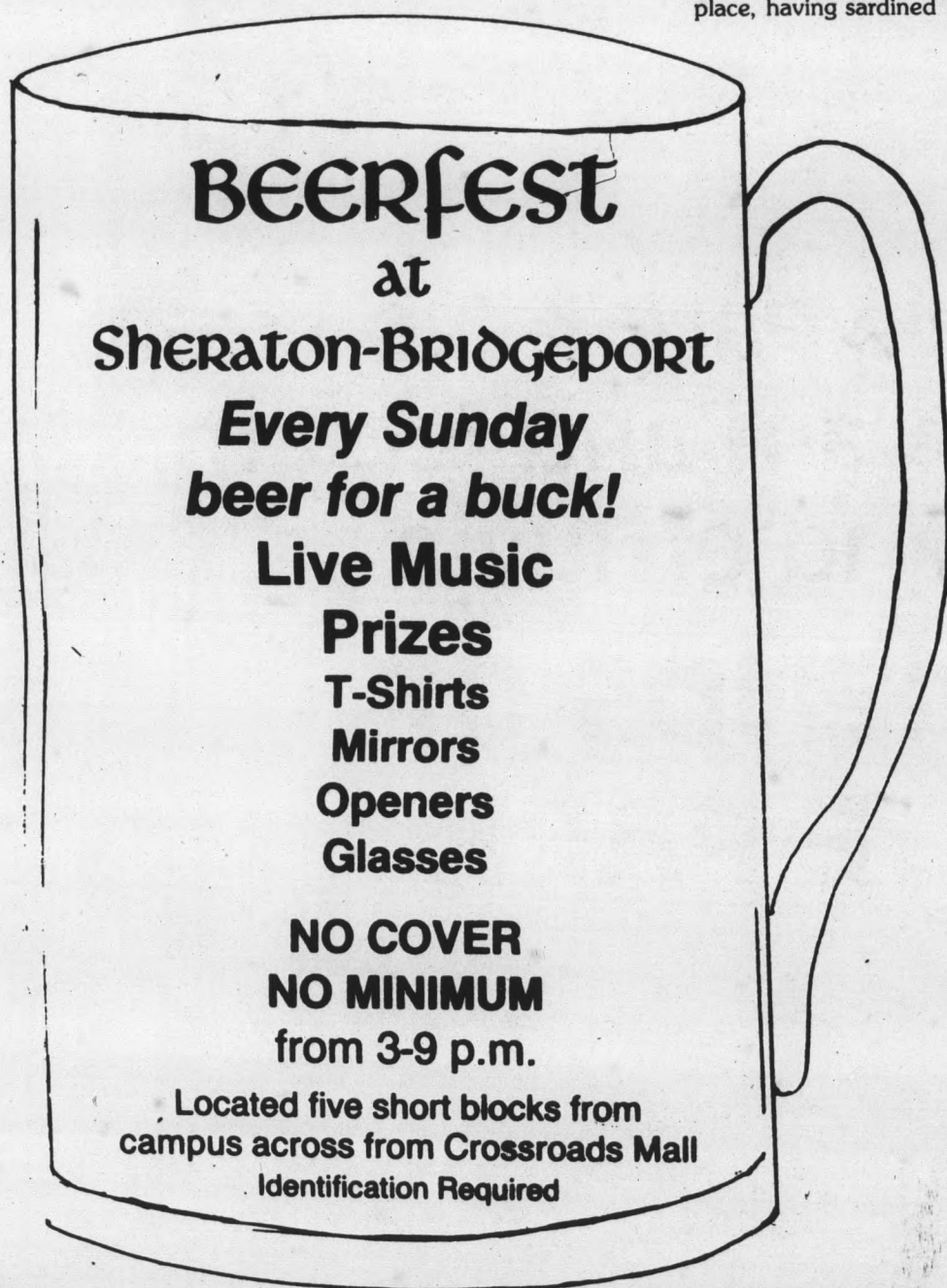
status as gold record (1,000,000 copies sold) was the Robert Hazard number 'Girls just want to have fun,' in which Cyndi ventured into the crowd for a final song stroll.

As the concert drew to a close so did UB's Spring Week '84, and appropriately enough the next day the sun's rays break through the clouds. Yet although the weather was foul, moods and spirits were not. The presence of pleasance doubtless would have helped, but it by no means can be said the week was ruined.

'It's Raining Again.' All of these titles could have been used to describe how precipitational deluges transpired during UB's Spring Week forced a dampening of spirits and activities during that time. Instead the rain serv-

Beginning on Wednesday, an athletic troupe of 'break dancers' gave an exhibit of their skills at the Student Center lobby. Several aspects were displayed including 'the Tick,' 'the Wave,' various forms of spinning and other dance steps associated with the fledgling art-form. After

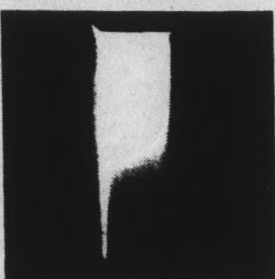
many people can fit in a phone booth' contest. No Guinness book world record was set, but Chaffee walked off with first place, having sardined 12 in.



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Sports

Tripling '83 Win Output

Purple Knights Respectable

by Tim Hurley

After 11 games the University of Bridgeport baseball team held a record of 3-7-1, including a pair of one-run losses.

Bridgeport recorded its first opening day victory in eight years, defeating Coast Guard on March 22nd behind the pitching of freshman Dave Case, who

hurled a complete game and struck out eight. Catcher Dave Royal rapped out three hits against the Cadets in that 4-3 win.

U.B. then proceeded to drop their next three to NECC rivals New Haven, Quinnipiac, and Southern Connecticut. The highly regarded Chargers edged Bridgeport 4-3 in ten innings as

Roberto Giansiracusa homered off reliever Dave Staples. The UNH centerfielder barely slid under Royal's tag with the game-winner. Royal had tied the game in the eighth with a two-run single off reliever and winner Matt Reed, whose brother Mark, U.B.'s senior righty turned in a brilliant mound performance allowing seven hits in nine full innings of work.

The very next afternoon on a day better suited for shoveling snow, UB was clobbered by a hard-hitting Quinnipiac team 15-1.

On Monday April 22nd, Bridgeport played SCSU at Quigley Stadium. Fran Bacon's club led 5-1, but couldn't hold that lead, bowing 6-5 on a late Southern home-run which was very close to being foul.

The Purple Knights then had their next four games cancelled and faced a tough Adelphi University squad in a Sunday twin-bill by A.U. 10-1, and 14-6.

U.B. bounced back two days later and ripped Hartford 12-0 at Seaside Park. Co-captain Chris Pelletier fired a four hitter and struck out six for his decision of the year. Ray Piniella, cousin of Yankee Lou, collected four hits and two RBI while Case and Provenzano each blasted three-run homers.



Coach Bacon—rebuilding U.B.'s Baseball program.

An Impressive Start For the Mets

by Jeff Rubin

Picture This: The Mets beat the Atlanta Braves to win their sixth in a row, and are on top of the Eastern Division with a 6-1 record. Sound funny, impossible? Well, we're not talking pennant here but the Mets are now 6-3 since dropping two to the Cubs over the weekend.

During the spring it was the same old thing, the management promising improvement and the critics predicting them for fifth or sixth place. Opening day came and it sure looked like the critics were right again. The Mets lost 9-3 to the Reds that day—same old Mets, right? Wrong, the Mets had other ideas, after a day off they proceeded to win six straight, their best start in years. An improved line up, a new manager, and best of all a fresh winning attitude have all helped this ball-club start that climb out of the basement of the Eastern Division, a place they have finished five out of the past six years. Met fans are going to have a lot to cheer about in the coming years. Who knows maybe that impossible dream will come true?

Item: Are today's athletes too pampered? Have today's owners given them too much leeway

negotiating contracts? Here's a case in point. The Phillies deal for Bill Buckner didn't go through for Buckner wanted a \$400,000 up front bonus, a buy-out of the mortgage on his home and a negotiated extension of his contract (totaling \$4.5 million for five years). Even in today's craziness, Phils President Bill Giles thought all this was a bit much. It's a shame to see someone with Buckner's talent wasting away on the cub's bench.

Item: The Islanders just beat the Rangers in the opening round and now are scrapping with the Washington Capitals. The defending champs looked tired in game one and lost 3-2. The second game saw the Isles take it to overtime to beat the Caps and even the series at a game a piece. The Isles have been looking like chumps instead of champs lately and better wake up before the inevitable happens.



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